# PSNet
## PATIENT SAFETY NETWORK

# AHRQ'S Patent Safety Network (PSNet)

AHRQ Patent Safety Network (PSNet) is a national web-based resource featuring the latest news and essential resources on patient safety.

Health care professionals may submit de-identified cases to AHRQ PSNet WebM&M that feature patient safety and health care quality issues, illustrated by patient safety events or medical errors. AHRQ PSNet Web M&M is an educational journal published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. When a case is selected, Web M&M editors invite an expert author to write a commentary based on the case. Submitters of selected cases will receive $300. View additional information on selection criteria and honorarium.

This form will be submitted to AHRQ's Patient Safety Network (PSNet) program, and should only be used to submit de-identified, factual accounts of patient safety events.  Do not include any personally identifiable (patient or provider) information, and do not disclose institution names, locations, or any other information that may serve to identify a patient or provider.  Do not use this form to submit an article to WebM&M. If you would like to contact the editors, send a question, comment, or suggestion, or provide feedback on this Web site, please Contact Us.

AHRQ's PSNet is not a confidential patient safety reporting system or a patient safety organization.  Information that is privileged and confidential under the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (information that is "patient safety work product") should NOT be submitted to AHRQ PSNet WebM&M.

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## Selection Criteria

We are looking for interesting, provocative cases that illustrate key issues in patient safety and quality. Cases including complete information can be processed more quickly (but note the word limit for each section of the submission form).

When a case is selected, the editors invite an expert author to write a commentary based on the case. Please note that authorship is not attributed to the case submitter in order to protect the privacy of subjects. authorship (Do not provide any personally identifiable information, and do not use institution names or locations.)

In general, case submitters should expect an email reply regarding their submission (selected or not) within 10–12 weeks.

## Common reasons a case is not selected:

- Does not meet any of the criteria above.
- Violates patient and/or provider privacy.
- No error occurred, or it is unclear whether an error occurred.
- Incident not related to patient safety, as defined in the PSNet Glossary.
- Insufficient clinical detail is available to assess what happened or to identify opportunities for prevention or mitigation.
- The subject matter/issue closely relates to a current case.

## How a case is selected

- How interesting is the case clinically?
- How applicable is the case from a medical error/patient safety standpoint?
- Is the case an important example of a common error, or is it unique but nevertheless raises some key issues of general interest?
- Does the case have major educational value?
- Does the case highlight important systems issues?

You may be contacted if further information is needed to judge your case submission.

## Honorarium

Submitters of selected cases will receive $300. If your case is selected, you will receive detailed instructions via e-mail on how to collect payment. For additional information visit the PSNet FAQ page.

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